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CONDUCTIVE GLASS SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME, DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR CELL

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application 1-220380, published September 4, 1989.

Corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,927,721, issues May 22, 1990.

2. O'Regan and Graetzel, "A low-cost, high-efficiency solar cell based on dye-sensitized colloidal TiO<sub>2</sub> films", *Nature*, Vol. 353, October 24, 1991, pp. 737-740.

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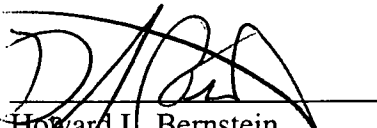
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